UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ABINGDON DIVISION

KIRA FERGUSON, individually and)
and as the Executrix of the Estate)
of WILLIAM S. FERGUSON, dec.)
and	<u> </u>
SHANNON FERGUSON, in her)
own right,	
)
Plaintiffs,	
v.) Case No.: 1:23-cv-00032-JPJ-PMS
SUSAN DOONAN BLACKWELL, f/k/a)
SUSAN DOONAN BIELSKI)
SCOTH (BOOTHIN BIBLISH)
)
Defendant.)

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR EXTENDED FILING OF PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT BLACKWELL'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION

Plaintiffs, by counsel, respectfully file this Motion seeking the Court's leave for Plaintiffs' counsel extend filing of its Opposition to Blackwell's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction. (Opposition). Plaintiffs' new local counsel first appeared in this matter on March 13, 2024. Plaintiffs then sought an extension to file the Opposition. Opposing counsel consented to Friday, March 22, 2024 for filing.

On the same day local counsel had to file an opening brief in the Virginia Court of Appeals that was disrupted with issues at the printer engaged for final filing of that brief and counsel was not able to complete the Opposition on that date. Thinking that the weekend would not affect progress of the case given its

current status and the weight of both matters and recency of this case, counsel filed it on Monday.

Plaintiffs' counsel Mary Lynn Tate humbly apologies to opposing counsel and the Court for this failure to communicate at that time. I belief the circumstances are excusable under the rule and the Court's discretion.

I intended no deliberate delay or other issue and acted as promptly as I could under the circumstances.

Therefore, Plaintiffs and counsel respectfully that the Court this delay and accept the Plaintiffs' opposition.

Kira Ferguson and Shannon Ferguson and counsel respectfully request that this motion be granted.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 29th day of March, 2024, a copy of the foregoing

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT BLACKWELL'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION was filed ECF, sent via electronic mail for filing and service on counsel for Defendant.

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